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TAGS: PINT, PINS, NP

SUBJECT: GON AND THE PRESS

1. AUGUST 25 LEWIS SIMONS' WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE  
HEADLINED "DACCA SLAMS DOOR ON FOREIGN REPORTERS" INCLUDES  
FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS: (FULL TEXT BEING SENT USINFO):

2. QUOTE: LAST WEEK, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SMALL  
HIMALAYAN KINGDOM OF NEPAL IMPOSED NEW LAWS REQUIRING  
LOCAL AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO SUBMIT ALL THEIR REPORTS  
FOR "PRE-CENSORSHIP."

3. QUOTE: THE NEPALESE GOVERNMENT BANNED THREE DAILY  
NEWSPAPERS AND FOUR WEEKLIES YESTERDAY, UNITED PRESS  
INTERNATIONAL REPORTED FROM KATHMANDU. THE OFFICIAL  
NEPALESE NEWS AGENCY SAID THE BAN WAS BASED ON A NEW  
LAW AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE NEWSPAPERS "IF  
IT IS SATISFIED THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLICATION IS ENGAGED  
IN ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATION." UNQUOTE.

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4. WE ASSUME NEW LAW IS PRESS AND PUBLICATONS 8L  
AMENDMENT RECENTLY PASSED BY NATIONAL PANCHAYAT AND

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT PARTICULARLY ON ITS  
IMPACT ON OPERATIONS OF AP, UPI, AND ANY AMERICAN  
CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN NEPAL. INGERSOLL

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